



Sandy Point Community Group – Meeting Minutes (Action & Agreement Record)

Date: 21 May 2020	Start time: 7.30pm	Finish Time: 9.00pm	Location: Online via ZOOM
Meeting	SPCG General Meeting		
Attendees	Anne Kinne (President), Frank Schrever (Vice President), Rick Martin (Treasurer), Phil Cornwell, Di Cornwell, Wendy Bryce-Johnson, Wacek Lipski, Liz Brown, Doug Brown, Peter Slifirski, Ray Henderson		
Apologies	Judy Schrever, Joyce Wright		
Chairperson	Anne Kinne	Record taker	Di Cornwell

	Actions and Agreements	Who	When
1	MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING Previous minutes accepted. Proposed Di, seconded Phil		
2	BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES Bores issue stopping approval for building permits: Anne has written to Council and followed up with phone call to Council when no response was received. Council were notified that the bore location map they were using was seriously incorrect (even with some bores shown to be in the middle of the road) Council advised they would check out particular block to confirm that there were no bores restricting any building permit, when they were in the area next. Anne will follow up again once restrictions are lifted. Other items will be dealt with in General Business	Anne	
3	CORRESPONDENCE AND BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE Distributed via email to the committee – dealt with in general business		
4	BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE As above		
5	TREASURER’S REPORT Rick reported very little change from last report. \$8,292 in general account, \$14,203 in term deposit. Future costs include renewal of insurance policy and possible contribution to the Indian Myna bird eradication project. Discussed in more detail in general business.		



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6	GENERAL BUSINESS		
6.1	<p>Indian Myna Bird Project</p> <p>Neil Shaw has approached the Community Group about providing support for him in a grant application to CoastCare Victoria for \$15000 to investigate the need for control of Indian Myna birds in Sandy Point. Anne, Phil and Frank have assisted Neil in submitting the application. The grant money includes the cost of hiring a pest exterminator if required. Ray still has the traps constructed for a similar project several years ago to trap the Indian Myna birds. Any monetary contribution required to be made by SPCG can be refunded under the terms of the grant.</p>	Neil Shaw. Frank and Phil to liaise	
6.2	<p>Community Garden</p> <p>Doug reported that he has heard back from Sophie Dixon at Council about the possible use of the Graeme Grove blocks for a community garden and we've been told they cannot remove the vegetation because of biodiversity laws. The meeting discussed how to progress this as there are no more council-owned blocks in Sandy Point we could use. We discussed the recent Gardening Australia program which showed the streets of Foster lined with gardens including vegetables that people are free to pick. Anne suggested it might be useful to contact Paul Robinson from the Council about our situation. Peter suggested we ask Council to plant edible plants in our town centre as they have done in other townships and provide a solution as to where we could install a community garden. Suggested perhaps they could purchase a block for us. Rick suggested we may be able to approach a land owner with vacant land ask to lease some land. Doug to recontact Council.</p>	Doug	
6.3	<p>Caravan Park Issue</p> <p>Peter told us that Rob McGauran had a very good meeting recently with the Council's new CEO Kerryn Ellis about the Sandy Point Caravan and Camping Ground Investigation Report that was adopted at its meeting in April. In this final report Council has now included sites north of the township, which we understand Chris Cope has some interest in. Rob explained to Kerryn that due to the small size and position of the township and the nature of its roads, it was unsuitable for a large Big-4 type caravan park development, which seems to be what the Council is suggesting. He also pointed out to her that there had not been any consultation</p>	Peter	



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	<p>with DEWLP or Tourism Australia over this nor any further consultation with the community as had been promised.</p> <p>Phil said he thought we had the right to go back to Council and ask them to review this but that we must be careful to be seen to be impartial.</p> <p>Peter to write a submission to Council and send to committee for approval before submitting.</p>		
6.4	<p>Facebook issue</p> <p>The committee were concerned over the recent backlash we received from the non permanent residents after posting and emailing messages aimed to discourage non residents from visiting, These releases were requested to be sent out to the community by the General Store, Council and Foster Medical Centre during the initial stages of the Covid 19 pandemic. After long discussion we decided that any further Facebook posts would only contain what originated from SPCG and our Sandy Community Groups.</p>		
6.5	<p>Community Owned Renewable Energy Project (CORE)</p> <p>Phil and Ray reported that an application has been submitted for a Federal grant for the purchase and installation of solar panels on the roof of the Men's Shed. If they are successful they will approach the Men's Shed and WBSLSC about the installation process. They also reported that the online survey about the CORE was moderately successful but they had not been able to have the follow up community meeting about it because of the lockdown.</p>	Phil and Ray	
6.6	<p>Telstra</p> <p>Phil reported that he had spoken to his contact at Telstra about the situation regarding the installation of a repeater in Sandy Point to improve the mobile phone signal. It seems there has been some progress made in negotiations with a property owner but they cannot advise of a date for completion.</p>	Phil	
6.7	<p>Planning and environmental overlays</p> <p>Deferred until next meeting</p>	Peter	
6.8	<p>Coastal erosion and draft coastal strategy</p>	Peter	



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6.9	<p>Water bubbler for Foreshore Reserve</p> <p>Looks unlikely that this will be able to be implemented due to Council regulations and prohibitive requirements</p> <p>Deferred until next meeting for further discussion</p>	Phil	
6.10	<p>Other Business</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Insurance Policy Anne and Rick reported that they are reviewing our current insurance policy as is very costly and are looking into obtaining quotes from alternative insurance companies. Sandy Point Music require additional public liability to that which we currently have, so agreed that we will increase in October when premium is due. Wacek said he would talk to the insurance brokers that his company deals with and see if we can get a better rate from then as part of their community support program. 2. Koala Action Project Di reported that the 3-year project for which a large grant was received in 2017 was now in its last two months and a final report is being prepared by Caitlin Pilkington. The report will hopefully be published in the next edition of the newsletter, which is scheduled for mid-June. 3. Town signage project This project was first discussed at a community meeting about 2 years ago and involved the idea of creating a universal theme for use on signage around the town and in particular the painting of the CFA water tank outside the Community Centre. Di reported that the idea has now been resurrected and a small sub-committee formed who have approached Council with a tentative plan. If this is approved by Council then another community meeting will be called, when the lockdown regulations allow it, to involve the community more with the planning and grant applications. 4. Online Mental Health Training Course run through the WBSLSC now available Anne told us she had signed up for this course, run through the WBSLSC, and recommended it to other committee members as very worthwhile. 		



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	<p>5. Waratah Way Wendy is concerned that as Cathy Giles has withdrawn from the role of project leader, Waratah Way will not progress unless we find a suitable replacement to be the champion. Wendy suggested Peter might like to take over the role. Peter said he did not think he was suitable but agreed to work out a strategy for finding someone to take the role on. Cath has advised that she will be available to support and provide information and encourages us to continue with this project.</p>		
	<p>Meeting closed: 9.15pm. Next meeting: Thursday 30 July</p>		